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Spokane nurse license suspended for criminal and substance abuse charges

OLYMPIA — The license of Spokane registered nurse Jerriann Pomerinke (RN.00112563) has been immediately suspended by the Washington State Department of Health and the Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission based on allegations of substance abuse and criminal convictions.

The charges say Pomerinke had multiple incidents involving substance abuse that were reported to the police, including stabbing her partner, entering a neighbor's apartment and refusing to leave, a vehicle accident, and making false reports of rape. Pomerinke has two criminal convictions based on this conduct. Pomerinke cannot work as a registered nurse until the charges are resolved. Pomerinke has 20 days to respond to the charges and to ask for a hearing.

Legal documents in this case are available by calling 360-236-4700 or online by clicking the link to "Provider Credential Search" on the [agency home page](#) (www.doh.wa.gov). The Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC) protects public health and safety in Washington. The NCQAC licenses and disciplines nurses using standards of practice.

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